

**SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
FIRST DAY
JANUARY 3, 2003**

A CONTINUATION OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING WAS HELD AT THE
WILLIAM H. ROGERS LEGISLATURE BUILDING
IN THE ROSE Y. CARACAPPA LEGISLATIVE AUDITORIUM,
725 VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY, SMITHTOWN, NEW YORK

MINUTES TAKEN BY:
ALISON MAHONEY - COURT STENOGRAPHER

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[THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:19 A.M.]

ACTING CHAIR POSTAL:

Will all Legislators please come to the auditorium. Henry, I'm going to ask you to start the roll call now.

(*Roll Called by Mr. Barton, Clerk*)

LEG. CARACCIOLO:
I'm here.

LEG. GULDI:
I'm here.

LEG. TOWLE:
(Not Present).

LEG. CARACAPPA:
(Not Present).

LEG. FISHER:
Here.

LEG. HALEY:
(Not Present).

LEG. FOLEY:
Present.

LEG. LINDSAY:
Here.

LEG. FIELDS:
Here.

LEG. ALDEN:
(Not Present).

LEG. CARPENTER:
(Not Present).

LEG. CRECCA:
(Not Present).

LEG. NOWICK:
(Not Present).

LEG. BISHOP:
Here.

LEG. POSTAL:
Here.

LEG. BINDER:
(Not Present).

P.O. TONNA:
(Not Present).

LEG. COOPER:
Here.

LEG. TOWLE:

(Not Present).

LEG. CARACAPPA:
(Not Present).

LEG. HALEY:
(Not Present).

LEG. ALDEN:
(Not Present).

LEG. CARPENTER:
(Not Present).

LEG. CRECCA:
(Not Present).

LEG. NOWICK:
(Not Present).

LEG. BINDER:
(Not Present).

LEG. TONNA:
(Not Present).

MR. BARTON:
There are nine present.

ACTING CHAIR POSTAL:
We need all Legislators to report to the auditorium. We have had a roll call, everyone has been called. Those people who are not here have been called twice.

LEG. CARACAPPA:
I'm sorry.

ACTING CHAIR POSTAL:
That's all right, so that gives us ten. Now, yesterday this meeting was recessed to today as we were at the point of our agenda when we were voting on a Presiding Officer. So -- here's our Chairperson.

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:
Thank you very much, Legislator Postal. Just since I have the mike and this will be the last time that I have the mike as Presiding Officer, I am announcing that I am out of the running. I am not interested, there will be no way in any shape, form or anything that I will serve as Presiding Officer for the year 2003. And we are going to now take nominations. Okay, I have --

LEG. LINDSAY:

We have to do the pledge.

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:

Oh, we have to do the pledge? I'm sorry. Let's all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator Postal.

Salutation

Thank you very much. I have probably one other thing to say and I would like to look at every Legislator in an eye and I would like to say thank you. I have had three fantastic years. So just every single one of you, thank you, its been really wonderful.

APPLAUSE & STANDING OVATION

Thank you very much. Thank you. Thank you very much. Okay. Are there nominations?

LEG. FISHER:

Mr. Chairman?

LEG. HALEY:

Mr. Chairman? Mr. Chairman, I have a nomination.

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:

Okay. And you have a nomination, okay. We have to -- how do we do this?

LEG. CARPENTER:

Haley is standing.

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:

Okay. I have to recognize Legislator Haley and then, Legislator Fisher, could you stand up? Okay, then I'll recognize Legislator Fisher, okay? Legislator Haley.

LEG. HALEY:

Mr. Chairman, I would like to nominate Andrew Crecca for Presiding Officer.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Second.

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:

Okay. Roll call.

(*Roll Called by Mr. Barton, Clerk*)

LEG. HALEY:

Yes.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Yes.

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LEG. CARACCIOLO:

Abstain.

LEG. GULDI:

Abstain.

LEG. TOWLE:

Yes.

LEG. CARACAPPA:

Pass.

LEG. FISHER:

Abstain.

LEG. FOLEY:

Abstain.

LEG. LINDSAY:

Abstain.

LEG. FIELDS:

Abstain.

LEG. ALDEN:

Abstain.

LEG. CRECCA:

Yes.

LEG. NOWICK:

Yes.

LEG. BISHOP:
Abstain.

LEG. POSTAL:
Abstain.

LEG. BINDER:
Abstain.

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:
Abstain.

LEG. COOPER:
Abstain.

LEG. CARACAPPA:
Abstain.

MR. BARTON:
Five.

LEG. TOWLE:
Motion to recess.

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ACTING CHAIR TONNA:
Motion to recess by Legislator --

LEG. HALEY:
Second.

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:
-- Towle, seconded by Legislator --

LEG. HALEY:
I'm standing.

LEG. GULDI:
Point of order.

LEG. FISHER:
Mr. Chairman, you had recognized me.

LEG. GULDI:
Point of order; the Chair had already recognized Legislator Fisher.

LEG. FISHER:
I had been recognized.

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:
I understand that.

LEG. GULDI:
The motions are out of order.

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:
I will have -- no, I will ask Robert's Rules of Order, our resident expert how this works, okay.

LEG. TOWLE:
One hour, by the way.

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:
There is a motion to recess for one hour. There is a motion currently on the floor recognizing Legislator Fisher. Go ahead.

MR. SABATINO:
A motion to recess takes priority, but when the -- if the recess motion is approved, at the conclusion of that motion when you come back in you start up at the precise point at which you concluded which would be the vote on the nomination that Legislator Fisher made.

LEG. GULDI:
Yeah, but Legislator Fisher --

LEG. FISHER:
Paul, I have a further question. I had already been given the floor after Legislator Haley and Legislator Towle's motion came after I had already been recognized.

LEG. GULDI:
Yeah, making the motion out of order.

MR. SABATINO:
That's correct, but under Robert's Rules, even if a motion is pending, the one motion that supersedes that and which is not debatable because there was a pending matter is a motion to recess. However, if the motion to recess is successful, when this Legislature comes back into session the point at which you pick up is exactly where you left off,

it just freezes the meeting in time for that period of time.

LEG. GULDI:

Yeah, that's not my point of order. My point of order is that the Chair had previously recognized Legislator Fisher, she had the floor. Until she speaks, no one else's motion of any nature or description can be recognized unless she yields the floor; that's my point of order.

MR. SABATINO:

A motion to recess trumps all other motions, it's Robert's Rules.

LEG. GULDI:

Yes, except that it can't be made --

LEG. FISHER:

But I had the floor.

LEG. GULDI:

-- when another Legislator has the floor.

LEG. BINDER:

Mr. Chairman, could I ask a parliamentary inquiry?

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:

Yes to Legislator Bish -- Binder.

LEG. BINDER:

Isn't it true that if the motion hadn't been made, in other words, one person made a nomination and made a motion and the other person has a pending recognition, from what I understood was the recognition was for Legislator Haley, there hadn't been a recognition, he intended to -- because I heard, he said, "And after that I will recognize basically Legislator Fisher for a motion." He hadn't -- from my understanding, and now here we're in a situation where the second person had not been recognized and there was an intervening motion for a recess, is that -- would that make it precedential?

LEG. FISHER:

Actually he had recognized me and asked me to remain standing because I had been recognized.

LEG. GULDI:

Correct.

MR. SABATINO:

Well, two things. One is I would be willing to go back to hear what

the stenographer's record of it was; I thought that you had been recognized and made the motion. But whether you did or you didn't, it would just change -- the only impact it will have is where we are if the recess motion is successful and we come back.

LEG. FISHER:

Well, then if I make the motion we'll come back and then if that motion, after having made that motion, it would be pending and we would be coming back to that motion.

MR. SABATINO:

Right. The only point I'm trying to make is that --

LEG. TOWLE:

In an effort to facilitate time --

LEG. GULDI:

Hold on.

MR. SABATINO:

-- if the recess motion is successful, because -- if the recess motion is successful, when we come back the point we're going to be at is exactly where we left off. If I was incorrect in that you hadn't made the motion, we're still going to be at the point where you were the recognized person if that's what the minutes show; I thought that's what took place. If that's not what took place and you were just pending, we're going to be at that point where you were pending, okay. So it's just going to free -- all the recess motion does is freeze in place where we were and I will defer to what the minutes show. If I'm wrong about what your status was I'll correct myself on the record.

LEG. TOWLE:

Mr. Chairman?

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:

Okay.

MR. SABATINO:

It would just help me if the stenographer could just --

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:

Roll call.

MR. SABATINO:

Yeah, she needs to stop to do this.

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:

Okay. But roll call -- it doesn't matter because even if you were in the middle of a vote, a recess motion still takes precedent.

MR. SABATINO:

It does, but I just want to be accurate in terms of what I stated. We're going to be at Legislator Fisher, I just don't know if we're going to be at Legislator Fisher making the motion or making a

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statement, I honestly don't know because I thought that she had made the motion.

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:

Right, and that was it.

MR. SABATINO:

All I want to know is so I can just correct --

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:

She made the motion but that was it, and there could be five motions before you vote on the first motion and then you've got to be recognized each time over. So right now there is a motion to recess and a second, roll call, for one hour. Roll call.

(*Roll Called by Mr. Barton, Clerk*)

LEG. TOWLE:

Yes.

LEG. HALEY:

Yes.

LEG. CARACCILOLO:

No.

LEG. GULDI:

No.

LEG. CARACAPPA:

For one hour, yes.

LEG. FISHER:

No.

LEG. FOLEY:
No.

LEG. LINDSAY:
No.

LEG. FIELDS:
No.

LEG. ALDEN:
Pass.

LEG. CARPENTER:
Yes.

LEG. CRECCA:
Yes.

LEG. NOWICK:
Yes.

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LEG. BISHOP:
No.

LEG. POSTAL:
No.

LEG. BINDER:
Yes.

P.O. TONNA:
Yes.

LEG. COOPER:
No.

LEG. ALDEN:
Yes.

MR. BARTON:
Nine.

LEG. FISHER:
I make a motion to elect Maxine Postal as the Presiding Officer for

2003. And I would just like to make a brief statement, Mr. Chair, with regards to your previous statement which is that I would also like to thank you --

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:
Thank you.

LEG. FISHER:
-- for the work that you've done for the people of Suffolk County during your tenure as Presiding Officer.

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:
Thank you.

LEG. FISHER:
You certainly are a person for whom many of us have a great deal of affection and we thank you for that.

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:
Thank you.

LEG. TOWLE:
Mr. Chairman? Mr. Chairman?

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:
Stand up, Legislator Towle.

LEG. TOWLE:
Thank you. Not a problem, Mr. Chairman. Let me just pull the cable here if I could. I would like to -- in fact, I will switch mikes -- nominate Legislator Joe Caracappa if I could.

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ACTING CHAIR TONNA:
Okay, so you're going to place Legislator Caracappa's name in nomination also.

LEG. LINDSAY:
Who's the second?

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:
No, none of these motions need seconds. So there's going to be a roll call right now on Legislator Postal's nomination. Roll call.

(*Roll Called by Mr. Barton, Clerk*)

LEG. FISHER:
Yes.

LEG. CARACCILOLO:
Pass.

LEG. GULDI:
Yes.

LEG. TOWLE:
Pass.

LEG. CARACAPPA:
Pass.

LEG. HALEY:
No.

LEG. FOLEY:
Yes.

LEG. LINDSAY:
Yes.

LEG. FIELDS:
Yes.

LEG. ALDEN:
Pass.

LEG. CARPENTER:
Abstain.

LEG. CRECCA:
Abstain.

LEG. NOWICK:
Abstain.

LEG. BISHOP:
Yes.

LEG. POSTAL:

Yes.

LEG. BINDER:

Pass.

LEG. TONNA:

No. I'm sorry, abstain; sorry, Maxine.

LEG. COOPER:

Yes.

LEG. CARACCIOLO:

No.

LEG. TOWLE:

Abstain.

LEG. CARACAPPA:

Abstain for now.

LEG. ALDEN:

Abstain.

LEG. BINDER:

Abstain.

MR. BARTON:

Eight.

LEG. CRECCA:

Motion to recess for -- till 12 o'clock.

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:

We just had that, right?

LEG. CARPENTER:

No, for an hour.

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:

Okay. There's a motion and a second. Roll call.

LEG. BISHOP:

For what?

MR. BARTON:

Mr. Chairman, who made the motion?

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:

To recess till noon.

LEG. FOLEY:
Who made the motion?

LEG. CRECCA:
I made it.

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ACTING CHAIR TONNA:
Crecca.

LEG. BINDER:
I second the motion.

(*Roll Called by Mr. Barton, Clerk*)

LEG. CRECCA:
Yes.

LEG. BINDER:
Yes.

LEG. CARACCILOLO:
Nope.

LEG. GULDI:
Nope.

LEG. TOWLE:
Yes.

LEG. CARACAPPA:
Pass.

LEG. FISHER:
Pass.

LEG. HALEY:
Yes.

LEG. FOLEY:
No.

LEG. LINDSAY:
Yes.

LEG. FIELDS:

Pass.

LEG. ALDEN:

Pass.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Yes.

LEG. NOWICK:

Yes.

LEG. BISHOP:

To recess, no.

LEG. POSTAL:

No.

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LEG. TONNA:

Yes.

LEG. COOPER:

No.

LEG. CARACAPPA:

Is this for an hour?

LEG. CARPENTER:

Till noon, twelve; an hour and a half.

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:

Legislator Caracappa, you have to vote.

LEG. CARACAPPA:

I'm aware of that.

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:

It's my last order.

LEG. CARACAPPA:

I said I was aware of that. I've got that one figured out; it's the only thing I have figured out. Yes.

LEG. FISHER:
Yes.

LEG. FIELDS:
No.

LEG. ALDEN:
Yes.

MR. BARTON:
Eleven.

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:
Thank you very much.

[THE MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 10:33 A.M.]

[THE MEETING WAS RECONVENED AT 12:08 P.M.]

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:
Roll call.

(*Roll Called by Mr. Barton, Clerk*)

LEG. CARACCIOLO:
Here.

LEG. GULDI:
Here.

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LEG. TOWLE:
Here.

LEG. CARACAPPA:
(Not Present).

LEG. FISHER:
Here.

LEG. HALEY:
(Not Present).

LEG. FOLEY:

Present.

LEG. LINDSAY:
Here.

LEG. FIELDS:
Here.

LEG. ALDEN:
Here.

LEG. CARPENTER:
Here.

LEG. CRECCA:
(Not Present).

LEG. NOWICK:
Here.

LEG. BISHOP:
Here.

LEG. BINDER:
Here.

LEG. COOPER:
Here.

LEG. POSTAL:
Here.

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:
Here.

LEG. HALEY:
(Not Present).

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:
Legislator Haley?

LEG. CARACAPPA:
Here.

(Not Present).

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:
Okay.

MR. BARTON:
16 (Not Present: Legislators Crecca & Haley).

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:
You know, this is kind of fun right now. And as you know, sometimes I'm criticized because my jokes are that bad, but today in honor of probably my last time using the gavel, I'd really like to get this done. So are there any motions?

LEG. TOWLE:
Mr. Chairman, there was a motion on the floor.

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:
Oh, there was a motion. What is the motion, sir?

LEG. TOWLE:
I had made a motion for Legislator Caracappa. If you want me to stand I'll do that.

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:
Please, just so that I can be consistent.

LEG. TOWLE:
Okay, that's fine.

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:
Because, you know, consistency is important.

LEG. TOWLE:
Yes. Motion for Legislator Caracappa, Mr. Chairman.

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:
Okay. Okay, does anybody want to say anything? No? Okay, roll call on Legislator Caracappa.

(*Roll Called by Mr. Barton, Clerk*)

LEG. TOWLE:
Yes.

LEG. CARACCILOLO:
Abstain.

LEG. GULDI:
Abstain.

LEG. CARACAPPA:

Yes.

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LEG. FISHER:

Abstain.

LEG. HALEY:

(Not Present).

LEG. FOLEY:

Abstain.

LEG. LINDSAY:

Abstain.

LEG. FIELDS:

Abstain.

LEG. ALDEN:

Yes.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Yes.

LEG. CRECCA:

Is this a motion to approve Joey Caracappa for Presiding Officer?

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:

Yeah.

LEG. CRECCA:

Yes.

LEG. NOWICK:

Yes.

LEG. BISHOP:

Abstain.

LEG. POSTAL:

Abstain.

LEG. BINDER:

Yes.

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:

Abstain for only today.

LEG. COOPER:

Abstain.

LEG. HALEY:

Yes.

MR. BARTON:

Eight.

LEG. FISHER:

Motion.

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ACTING CHAIR TONNA:

Okay, let's see. Legislator Fisher, please stand up.

LEG. FISHER:

I'm getting really good at this.

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:

Okay. Go ahead, Legislator Fisher.

LEG. FISHER:

I nominate Legislator Postal as Presiding Officer, make a motion.

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:

Okay. Is there -- oh, we don't need a second. Roll call.

(*Roll Called by Mr. Barton, Clerk*)

LEG. FISHER:

Yes.

LEG. CARACCILOLO:

No.

LEG. GULDI:

Yes.

LEG. TOWLE:

Yes.

LEG. CARACAPPA:

Yes.

LEG. HALEY:

No.

LEG. FOLEY:

Yes.

LEG. LINDSAY:

Yes.

LEG. FIELDS:

Yes.

LEG. ALDEN:

Yes.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Abstain.

LEG. CRECCA:

Abstain.

LEG. NOWICK:

Abstain.

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LEG. BISHOP:

Yes.

LEG. POSTAL:

Yes.

LEG. BINDER:

Abstain.

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:

Abstain.

LEG. COOPER:

Yes.

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:
Congratulations, Maxine.

MR. BARTON:
Eleven.

LEG. POSTAL:
Thank you.

APPLAUSE

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:
Just a little experience would be maybe go around and shake everyone's hand.

P.O. POSTAL:
I thought I would get sworn in first.

ACTING CHAIR TONNA:
Oh, you better do that fast.

Oath of office Administered to Presiding Officer Maxine Postal
by Suffolk County Clerk, Edward P. Romaine.

APPLAUSE

LEG. FISHER:
Maxine, you're our second woman to act as Presiding Officer.

APPLAUSE

And I think the first one is here in the audience.

P.O. POSTAL:
She is.

LEG. FISHER:
Sondra Bachety.

LEG. GULDI:
She left early.

P.O. POSTAL:

At the risk of boring all of you, I just would like to express my gratitude for what's happened here today.

I can't tell you how much I respect the Suffolk County Legislature. I truly believe this body is the most democratic, and that's with a small "d" guys, the most democratic form of government that exists. It is the most accessible, it has the greatest degree of public participation. And you know we've been called everything from a circus to 18 loose cannons and on and on and on, and that's because this is true democracy. True democracy is unruly, it doesn't work neatly. Things that work neatly tend to happen when everybody goes in the back room behind closed doors and makes decisions. This place, heaven knows, is not that kind of body.

The people I have worked with, all of you and my fellow Legislators back over this long period of time, are people I have the utmost respect for. Because heaven knows we have disagreed. Marty Haley and I are probably at opposite poles, but I know that each of the people I've worked with truly serves the public. And you're not politicians, you are public servants. You're there -- I have never seen people work as hard as you work. I know that when a person needs to speak with his or her Legislator they can do it. I would suggest that that doesn't happen, that kind of accessibility and availability just doesn't exist at other levels of government. So I really have to say, Republican, Democrat, Conservative, Liberal, I am proud to have served with you on this body.

I also think this body is an extremely intelligent body with the finest of judgments because we have been smart enough to choose staff that has an incredible amount of expertise and provides us with the guidance that we really need; that's our Counsel, Paul Sabatino, and the Director of our Budget Review Office, Fred Pollert. Now, you know --

APPLAUSE

And not to pick on any other municipality, but I can tell you that when members of the Nassau County Legislature came to talk to me about how you go about making sure that your Legislative body is one that that is not only doing the right thing but is safeguarding the public completely. I told them about Paul Sabatino and Fred Pollert, unfortunately I don't think they took my advice and that's why they're in the situation that they're in today.

We're in some really tough times. We know that there are increasing demands on us, there are more people in need this year than there were last year, we don't know what's going to happen next year. And with all of that need that we're facing in this County, we're being directed to provide all kinds of additional services, many of which

are services that we feel are very necessary but without being given the money to provide those services. So we're going to have a very hard job. We have never shirked from doing a hard job. This year,

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and I have no doubt that we're going to be able to do this, we're going to have to work especially hard to provide the services that the people of Suffolk County need without putting an undo tax burden on them, and that's not easy, but we have shown that we can do it again and again and again.

I feel that we need to take some real serious looks at how we're managing. We have to stop being used to the way we've always done things. I think government becomes very complacent. If we do it this way and we've always done it this way we don't want to change because we don't know what's going to happen. Well, I think we have to be willing and open to change. I think we need to look at everything that happens in Suffolk County and really evaluate it, and if it's not working we have to change it. If there's a way that we can make it work better we have got to change it; that's not going to be easy.

We have got to establish a procedure of evaluation. I don't know why we haven't but I think we certainly should, the corporate sector does, ask every person who is retiring to go through an exit interview. And I wouldn't ask anybody to do that face to face but I certainly think we should have, in essence, a written exit interview because these are the people who have been doing the work, these are the people who are hands on.

LEG. CARACAPPA:
Got one for me?

P.O. POSTAL:

No, you're a credit to this body and any body you would be a part of. But I also think that we should encourage our hands-on staff to make suggestions to us for how things can work better, because they're the people who know best what's happening in this County and how things work. That happened a few years ago, those of us who were here a long time back remember a resolution that dealt with that. And I would be very interested in encouraging people to do that, even though we had a resolution and we, in fact, had a financial incentive to encourage people to do that, I think we've got to do more. I think we've got to go out and really encourage people to do that and, you know, if they'd like to do it anonymously, fine with me because people need to feel comfortable about sharing their ideas about how they can make this County work better.

I think we need to evaluate ourselves. That's kind of tough but I seriously think we need to develop an evaluation tool and at the end of each year we need to do a self-evaluation. Because if we're evaluating others, we certainly can't expect to be exempt from any assessment of how we do. So those are just some of the things that I look forward to doing over this coming year.

I need to tell you, too, how much it means to me to be the second woman to be elected as Presiding Officer of the Suffolk County Legislature. The first preside -- woman Presiding Officer who was here, I don't know if she's still here, was Legislator Sondra Bachety. And by her election as Presiding Officer, she showed every one of us who's female that it could happen, that there was opportunity for us, that we weren't second-class citizens anyplace. But it's been 15

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years and after 15 years I'm afraid that people begin to think that it was some kind aberration that a woman was elected and it's never going to happen again because it really wasn't the normal course of things that a woman would have that opportunity and she would even have the capability. I think that by electing a female Presiding Officer -- and I have to say -- no offense, guys -- but the woman who serve on this Legislative body are incredibly hard working with the most intense dedication to the people of this County that I have ever seen. That's not to say that you guys are not equally hard working and dedicated, but the women are truly exceptional. You know, I don't know that I've ever worked with other women whom I admire as much as the woman who are serving with me here. And we're sending a message to everyone, all of us, every young woman out there, there's an opportunity for you. Get involved in the political sphere, get involved in government, play a part because not only can you get involved but we need your point of view, and every one of the women sitting here will tell you that we feel that women do have a unique point of view.

So I would thank you. I can't tell you enough how grateful I am to you. Thank you.

APPLAUSE

And we will move --

LEG. TOWLE:
Legislator Postal --

P.O. POSTAL:

I'm sorry.

LEG. TOWLE:

If I could be recognized.

P.O.. POSTAL:

Yeah, I was going to say, we will -- I don't know if it's on this issue, I was going to move to nominations for the Deputy Presiding Officer of the Suffolk County Legislature. Legislator Towle?

LEG. TOWLE:

Thank you, Legislator Postal, and congratulations. I am very honored and privileged and pleased this afternoon to place into nomination for Deputy Presiding Officer a colleague and a good friend of mine, Legislator Joseph Caracappa.

P.O. POSTAL:

And I'll second that. Are there any additional nominations for the position of Deputy Presiding Officer? Hearing none, do we need a motion to close?

LEG. GULDI:

Call the roll.

LEG. TONNA:

And then I'm going to place a nomination.

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(*Roll Called by Mr. Barton, Clerk*)

LEG. TOWLE:

Yes.

P.O. POSTAL:

Yes.

LEG. CARACCILOLO:

No.

LEG. GULDI:

Yes.

LEG. CARACAPPA:

Pass.

LEG. FISHER:
Yes.

LEG. HALEY:
Yes

LEG. FOLEY:
Yes.

LEG. LINDSAY:
Pass.

LEG. FIELDS:
Yes.

LEG. ALDEN:
Yes.

LEG. CARPENTER:
Yes.

LEG. CRECCA:
If he'll accept it, yes.

LEG. NOWICK:
Abstain.

LEG. BISHOP:
Yes.

LEG. BINDER:
Yes.

LEG. TONNA:
Sure.

LEG. COOPER:
Yes.

LEG. CARACAPPA:
A shock, but yes.

LEG. LINDSAY:
Yes.

MR. BARTON:
17 with one abstention.

APPLAUSE

I'm sorry, I called it wrong; 16, 1 no, 1 abstention.
The vote was 16, 1 and 1.

Oath of office Administered to Deputy Presiding Officer,
Joseph T. Caracappa, by Suffolk County Clerk, Edward P. Romaine

APPLAUSE

LEG. TOWLE:
Motion to recess.

P.O. POSTAL:
There was a motion to recess and --

LEG. FISHER:
When?

P.O. POSTAL:
To, recess to? I would suggest Monday at one o'clock.

LEG. TOWLE:
Monday is good enough for you?

P.O. POSTAL:
Yeah.

LEG. TOWLE:
Monday at one o'clock.

P.O. POSTAL:
Is there a second?

LEG. FOLEY:
Second.

LEG. CARACCILOLO:
Maxine? Excuse me, Madam Chair. Could you make that three o'clock, I have an ear doctor's appointment at one o'clock.

P.O. POSTAL:
Well, how about -- Legislator Towle, would it be agreeable to recess till 10 A.M. on Monday, would that be okay?

LEG. TOWLE:

It would be to accommodate -- to accommodate making sure Legislator Caracciolo could hear, I would be happy to move the meeting to ten o'clock on Monday morning, if I could.

LEG. CARACCIOLO:

Or three, I mean, I don't want to get stuck here.

P.O. POSTAL:

Well, you know, I would like us all to be here and Legislator Crecca is an attorney and has to be in court.

LEG. BISHOP:

I have to be in court on Monday.

P.O. POSTAL:

And Legislator Bishop as well. What time?

LEG. BISHOP:

Nine thirty in the Bronx.

P.O. POSTAL:

Nine thirty in the Bronx.

LEG. CARACCIOLO:

How about Tuesday?

LEG. GULDI:

Tuesday is better.

LEG. HALEY:

Tuesday afternoon is better, I'm not here Tuesday morning.

LEG. TOWLE:

Tuesday at two o'clock, Legislator Postal.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Could we make it Tuesday morning?

P.O. POSTAL:

Well --

LEG. TOWLE:

Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock, Legislator Postal.

P.O. POSTAL:

All right, Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Second.

LEG. HALEY:

I can do 11:30. Hold on, I can't -- I won't be here.

LEG. TOWLE:

Eleven thirty it is, Tuesday at 11:30.

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P.O. POSTAL:

At 11:30 and there's a second on that.

LEG. TOWLE:

Final offer.

P.O. POSTAL:

Roll call.

(*Roll Called by Mr. Barton, Clerk*)

LEG. TOWLE:

Yes.

LEG. FOLEY:

Yes.

LEG. CARACCILOLO:

Yes.

LEG. GULDI:

Yes.

LEG. CARACAPPA:

Yes.

LEG. FISHER:

Yes.

LEG. HALEY:

Yes.

LEG. LINDSAY:

Yes.

LEG. FIELDS:

Yes.

LEG. ALDEN:

Pass.

LEG. CRECCA:

Can I -- I can't be recognized during a roll call, can I?

LEG. CARPENTER:

Yes.

LEG. CRECCA:

I have to vote no, I cannot be here Tuesday.

LEG. NOWICK:

Yes.

LEG. BISHOP:

Yes.

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P.O. POSTAL:

Yes.

LEG. BINDER:

No.

LEG. TONNA:

No.

LEG. COOPER:

Yes.

LEG. ALDEN:

Yes.

P.O. POSTAL:

Legislator -- I'm sorry.

MR. BARTON:

15-3.

P.O. POSTAL:
Legislator Crecca?

LEG. CRECCA:
Motion to reconsider.

LEG. GULDI:
No, you're on the wrong side. Motion to reconsider, I'll make the motion.

LEG. CRECCA:
Second.

LEG. GULDI:
The prevailing side.

P.O. POSTAL:
All in favor?

LEG. LINDSAY:
Of what?

P.O. POSTAL:
Of reconsidering.

LEG. BINDER:
Who's the second?

LEG. BISHOP:
Second.

P.O. POSTAL:
Opposed? I'm opposed.

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LEG. FOLEY:
Opposed.

LEG. TONNA:
We haven't voted on rules yet so it's Robert's --

P.O. POSTAL:

To reconsider meeting at --

LEG. TOWLE:
At what time?

P.O. POSTAL:
I believe it was Tuesday at 11:30, is that where we were?

MR. BARTON:
Yes.

P.O. POSTAL:
I don't know, there's a motion to reconsider and --

LEG. TONNA:
Put Monday.

LEG. BINDER:
Was there a second to his motion?

P.O. POSTAL:
There was a second, I think it was --

MR. BARTON:
Legislator Crecca; the motion was made by Legislator Guldi.

P.O. POSTAL:
Who was the second on --

LEG. LINDSAY:
I'll second it.

P.O. POSTAL:
Legislator Lindsay. Okay. We're having a roll call on the motion to reconsider. All in favor? Opposed?

LEG. FOLEY:
Opposed.

P.O. POSTAL:
Opposed.

LEG. BISHOP:
Opposed to reconsidering.

LEG. FIELDS:
Opposed.

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MR. BARTON:
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P.O. POSTAL:
Okay, we will reconvene on Tuesday at 11:30 A.M. This meeting is recessed.

[THE MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 12:40 P.M.]

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